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SUBJECT: SSUNGA -- FRENCH AND AMERICAN RESOLUTIONS
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1. AMBASSADOR FERGUSON HAS HAD OPENING ROUND OF TALKS
RE US INITIATIVE - EMINENT PERSON RESOLUTION - WITH
FRENCH, UK, GERMANS AND JAPANESE.

2. FRENCH ARE RECEPTIVE TO PROPOSAL TO MARRY US RESOLU-
TION EMINENT PERSONS WITH FRENCH RESOLUTION UN ECONOMIC
OBSERVATORY. USDEL PREPARING MARRIED RESOLUTION DRAFT
TO BE BASIS OF DISCUSSION WITH FRENCH OVER WEEKEND.
FYI ROUGET -- MINISTER- COUNCELOR FRENCH DELEGATION --
INFORMED AMBASSADOR FERGUSON THAT FRENCH EMBASSY
WASHINGTON REPORTED TO PARIS THAT "U.S. NOT PUSHING
ITS EMINENT PERSONS RESOLUTION". ROUGET STATES THIS
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REPORT WAS OF FRENCH DEMARCHE TO DEPUTY ASSISTANT

SECRETARY BLAKE. FERGUSON INDICATED FRENCH EMBASSY WASHINGTON MAY HAVE INFORMED WRONG IMPRESSION OF US POSITION, I.E., US PUSHING ITS EMINENT PERSONS RESOLUTION BUT WAS NOT PUSHING IT AS SOLELY US INITIATIVE, WE WOULD WELCOME CO-SPONSORS SUCH AS FRENCH ON MARRIED PROPOSAL, UK, JAPAN, FRG AND POSSIBLY A FEW NON-ALIGNED. USDEL WOULD APPRECIATE CLARIFICATION THIS MATTER URGENTLY. END FYI

3. UK INDICATES THEY WILL CO-SPONSOR IF USG CAN SATISFY FRENCH. FRG TAKING ESSENTIALLY SAME POSITION.

4. WE HAVE FURTHER INTENSIVE WORK WITH JAPANESE BEFORE THEIR TRUE POSITION CAN BE UNCOVERED. WE HAVE OPENED SUBJECT WITH SOVIETS BUT HAVE AT THE MOMENT RECEIVED NO POSITIVE REPLY.

5. IN CONNECTION WITH US RES ON EMINENT PERSONS, WE NEED URGENTLY ANSWERS TO FOLLOWING PRECISE QUESTIONS:

(A) ARE WE PREPARED TO ACCEPT LARGER GROUP THAN 20 IN ORDER TO ACCOMMODATE SOME EXPERTS FROM LDCS AS PRICE FOR SOVIET SUPPORT? FYI SOVIETS HAVE MADE CLEAR PRIVATELY THIS WOULD MAKE THEIR POSITION VIS-A-VIS US RES MORE FORTHCOMING EVEN THOUGH AS THEY SAID SOME EMINENT PERSONS FROM LDCS MIGHT NOT BE AS QUALIFIED AS EMINENT PERSONS FROM SOVIET UNION OR USA. END FYI

(B) WHAT IS PRESENT STATE OF KNOWLEDGE AND WHO HAS IT AS TO INVENTORY OF NONRENEWABLE AND RENEWABLE RESOURCES?

(C) IS PETROLEUM INCLUDED OR EXPRESSLY EXCLUDED IN THE CATEGORY OF NONRENEWABLE RESOURCES?

(D) DOES PARA 1 (B) OF US RESOLUTION L.44 DIRECT THAT EMINENT PERSONS ARE TO GIVE EARLY WARNING OF IMPENDING SURPLUSES OR SCARCITIES OR ARE THEY TO RECOMMEND A SYSTEM WHICH WOULD PRODUCE THE EARLY WARNING?

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6. RE PARA 3 L.44 -- DOES THE IMPORT OF THIS PARAGRAPH GIVE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES WHO HAVE MADE EXCLUSIVE CONCESSIONARY LICENSES OR CONCESSIONS TO PRIVATE COMPANIES A LEGAL OUT FROM SUCH GRANTS? DALE

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